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Brittney Massey sentenced to 60 years for death of young daughter

Two-year-old Destinee Massey killed November 2013

(Indianapolis, IN)—Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry announced today that Brittney Massey received a 56-year executed sentence at the Indiana Department of Correction, followed by a probation period of four years, for her role in the death of her two-year-old daughter Destinee. Massey was found guilty in January of Murder, Battery (Class A Felony) and Neglect of Dependent (Class A Felony) for multiple blunt force trauma to the child and for failing to obtain timely medical treatment for Destinee.

"Tragically, we again find ourselves seeking justice for a young child who died at the hands of her caretaker," Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry commented. "Parents and those who care for young children must act as protectors, not abusers. We are pleased with the sentence and hope that it brings greater public awareness to child abuse and the tragic results."

Massey was arrested and charged in 2013 after investigators ruled the death of two-year-old Destinee to be a homicide. According to the probable cause affidavit, Massey disciplined the child with a belt while potty training. Massey then held the child face down in her bed until she stopped crying.

Suspected child abuse can be reported by calling 911 or to Indiana's Child Protective Services toll-free hotline at 1-800-800-5556.

A charge of a crime is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.